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AMB SCHAUFLE THIS MORNING SIGNED UN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC AGENTS. US IS FIRST COUNTRY TO SIGN. FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY AMB SCHAUFLE MADE ON SIGNATURE AND RELEASED TO PRESS:*

I AM GRATIFIED TO SIGN TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC AGENTS.

AS AMBASSADOR BENNETT ASSURED THE PLENARY IN HIS STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, IN THE TWO WEEKS SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE* CONVENTION BY THE ASSEMBLY MY GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN AN URGENT REVIEW*OF THE*FINAL TEXT OF THE CONVENTION. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE TEXT ON THE WHOLE IS EXCELLENT. IN SIGNING THE CONVENTION, THE UNITED STATES SIGNIFIES ITS INTENTION TO BEGIN THE NECESSARY PROCESS OF SUBMITTING THE CONVENTION TO THE CONGRESS AND OF SEEKING APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION IN ORDER

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TO PUT US IN A POSITION TO BE ABLE TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION.

SINCE THE UNITED STATES THINKS THIS CONVENTION SHOULD GO INTO FORCE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, WE HAVE ACTED WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY. BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED THE ADOPTION OF THIS CONVENTION A MOST URGENT MATTER. INDEED THE PREAMBLE OF THE CONVENTION ITSELF POINTS TO THE CONCERN GENERATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BY ATTACKS ON DIPLOMATS. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL CONSIDER THE MATTER WITH A SIMILAR SENSE OF URGENCY AND TAKE PROMPT ACTION SO THAT THIS CONVENTION CAN BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE ON A WIDE GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

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